



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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Ivan Sydney, Business Manager  
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Polacca, AZ 86042

**REPORT OF VIOLATIONS OF THE SAFE DRINKING WATER ACT**

Dear Mr. Sydney:

This letter is to notify you of violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and what must be done to correct the violations for the public water system (PWS) shown below:

**Polacca, PWS ID#0400106**

**The violations reported by EPA Region 9 to EPA HQ for the period ending on 6/30/2016 can be found on the attached table.**

**Public Notification Requirements**

The public must be notified any time there is a violation of the SDWA. Depending on the severity of the violation, the type of Public Notice required will fall into one of three "tiers." The final column of the table labeled "Public Notice Tier" indicated the type of Public Notice required for the associated violation. If this PWS is required to distribute an annual Consumer Confidence Report, the Tier 3 notifications can be included in that report. Public Notice templates and handbook can be obtained by request from EPA or can be found at:

<http://water.epa.gov/lawsregs/rulesregs/sdwa/publicnotification/compliancehelp.cfm>

***Failure to comply with the public notice requirement will result in further violations.***

Tier 1 violations require notification within 24 hours.

Tier 2 violations allow 30 days for notification.

Tier 3 violations require annual notification.

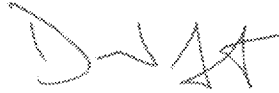
**Return to Compliance**

EPA determines that the drinking water system has returned to compliance when the system reports the required sample results, or corrects the violation appropriately. An official Return to Compliance (RTC) will be entered into our records at that point. All violations and RTCs are reported to the EPA website, see: [http://www.epa-echo.gov/echo/compliance\\_report\\_sdwa.html](http://www.epa-echo.gov/echo/compliance_report_sdwa.html)

Violations of the SDWA that are not corrected lead to a PWS being designated as an 'Enforcement Priority', as identified on EPA's national Enforcement Targeting Tool list. Drinking water systems that acquire this designation are targeted priorities for possible enforcement action by EPA. Furthermore, Enforcement Priority status precludes eligibility for funding under our infrastructure program, unless the proposed project will bring the system into compliance.

If your system has returned to compliance including the requirement to provide public notice, no further action is necessary. If you have questions regarding this matter, please contact Bessie Lee of my staff at (415) 972-3776.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Albright', with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Albright, Manager  
Drinking Water Protection Section

cc: Herman Honanie, Chairman  
Alfonso Sakeva, Water Operator  
Lionel Puhuyesva, Director, WRP  
Sharon Grover, Administrative Assistant

# Polacca, PWS ID#0400106

Table of Violations reported by EPA Region 9 to EPA Headquarters for period ending 6/30/2016

## Return to Compliance Status: In Compliance

The following violation(s) has/have been returned to compliance. Once Public Notice requirements have been completed, no further action is required.

### Violation Type: Failure to post/submit official Public Notification as required by SDWA.

How to return to compliance for violations of this type: Posting and submission of required Public Notice.

Contaminant	Violation Period*	Sample Date	Result	Violation Comment +	Public Notice Tier
Public Notice Rule	1/1/2016			Failure to post or submit Tier 2 Public Notice for Violation type: MCL, Average - EP001: Running annual average violation calculated from the last sample submitted and the group of results from the previous 4 quarters.: Arsenic: 1/1/2016	3

### Violation Type: Maximum Contaminant Level violation for chemical contaminant (running average, 4 qtrs.)

How to return to compliance for violations of this type: Reporting quarterly monitoring for contaminant in violation, until running annual average is below MCL for 6 months.

Contaminant	Violation Period*	Sample Date	Result	Violation Comment +	Public Notice Tier
Arsenic	4/1/2016	N/A	.017	EP001: Running annual average violation calculated from the last sample submitted and the group of results from the previous 4 quarters.	2
	6/30/2016				

\* Depending on the contaminant and your public water system's monitoring schedule, violations are reported in the quarter following the due date.

+ The comment field indicates the reason for the violation.

